

# **DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife announces reopening of Ommelanden rifle and pistol range**

***Expanded days and hours and 'Free Sight-In Days' also available at Ommelanden's ranges***

**NEW CASTLE** – DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife announced today that repairs to the rifle and pistol range at the [Ommelanden Hunter Education Training Center](#) are complete, and the rifle and pistol range will reopen on Saturday, Oct. 27. Repairs to replace a damaged concrete floor, install a new drainage system, and install a new block wall and entryway are part of the Division's ongoing renovation plan for the Ommelanden range complex.

The days and hours of operation of the Ommelanden Range will be expanded for all shotgun, rifle and pistol, and archery ranges with the addition of Thursdays from noon-5 p.m. and Fridays from noon-6 p.m., made possible with increased revenue from the recent hunting license fee increase. Days and hours of operation had been reduced in 2014 due to budget and staff shortages.

Effective Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, the new operating hours for the Ommelanden Range will be:

- Wednesday – Trap and skeet: noon-8 p.m., and rifle and pistol range and archery range: noon-5 p.m.
- Thursday – All ranges: noon-5 p.m.
- Friday – All ranges: noon-6 p.m.
- Saturday – All ranges: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Sunday – All ranges: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Additionally, in customer appreciation, the 50-meter rifle range will be open for “Free Sight-In Days” on Monday, Nov. 5 and Tuesday, Nov. 6 from noon-5 p.m. to allow hunters to sight-in their shotguns, muzzleloaders, and straight-wall, pistol-caliber rifles prior to the opening of the shotgun deer season Friday, Nov. 9.

For more information, please call the Wildlife Section at 302-739-9912. Visit the [Ommelanden Range webpage](#) for more information.

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